



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Hot Summer Days

Agricultural Summary

Hot summer weather was broken by local scattered thunderstorms across Idaho. Overall, little rain was dropped, though our irrigation supply is still in good to excellent condition. Idaho's winter wheat headed in much of the state and is starting to turn color in good condition. Temperatures statewide ranged from 88 to 101 degree highs and 43 to 61 degree lows. Reporting weather stations recorded temperatures from 4 to 11 degrees above average for last week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Caribou County haying progressed last week on 1st cutting alfalfa, and Power County has finished harvesting 1st cutting hay, according to Extension Educators. In rainier Custer County, moisture delayed 1st alfalfa harvest. Franklin County applied pesticides to alfalfa for alfalfa weevil damage control. Livestock are in good shape grazing Idaho summer pastures, which are also in overall good condition statewide. Field corn is developing beautifully in the hot weather, according to the Power County Extension Educator.

Crop Progress

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Winter Wheat Turning Color	19	12	18
Potatoes 12" high	77	34	64
Potatoes Closing Middles	31	16	29

Field Crop Report

Idaho sweet cherry harvest continues statewide. An estimated 37% of the sweet cherry crop was harvested last week. Cricket hotspots were reported in Camas County, and a Haanchen Barley mealybug outbreak caused a stir among agriculturalists in Caribou County, according to Extension Educators. In Franklin County, growers continue pesticide applications to control cereal leaf beetle populations, minimizing grain damage.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Condition

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	5	11	66	18
Spring Wheat	1	3	9	71	16
Barley	--	3	12	68	17
Potato	--	--	10	69	21
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	4	52	44
Range and Pasture	1	2	8	75	14

Grain Growth Stage

	Jointed	Booted
Winter Wheat	100	99
Spring Wheat	95	82
Barley	92	69

Crop Progress by District

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Headed.....	99	85	89	100	100	100	98	99	99	89	94	93	95	91	93
Spring Wheat															
Headed.....	40	44	35	98	99	100	77	64	86	28	21	41	42	35	49
Barley															
Headed.....	34	48	37	70	99	98	62	67	86	22	14	34	34	33	49
Alfalfa Hay															
1 st Cutting Harvested..	61	74	67	98	100	100	98	92	96	85	80	80	90	87	88
2 nd Cutting Harvested..	3	--	--	55	4	35	25	3	23	2	4	2	19	3	14

Avg (2001 - 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 2, 2006 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of July	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	93	54	72	8	1538	691	545	0.00	-0.19	0.00	3.19	9.04
Grangeville	88	55	71	9	1307	549	345	0.33	-0.26	0.00	11.67	11.86
Lewiston	102	61	80	11	2122	1084	850	0.09	-0.15	0.00	6.51	5.22
Sand Point	94	50	--	--	1422	630	407	0.00	-0.51	0.00	10.81	10.45
Southwest												
Boise	101	59	80	10	2127	1154	794	0.35	0.24	0.10	7.24	4.73
Caldwell	97	54	76	4	2104	1094	984	0.10	-0.02	0.00	3.31	4.13
Emmett	100	57	77	8	1922	976	796	0.05	-0.08	0.00	6.59	4.89
Mountain Home	100	57	81	11	2220	1213	771	0.17	0.09	0.00	4.93	3.53
Parma	91	60	--	--	2001	1048	786	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.18	4.17
Weiser	101	50	--	--	2110	1138	837	0.07	-0.05	0.00	3.14	4.23
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	91	48	71	4	1580	760	618	0.00	-0.10	0.00	5.69	4.17
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	93	45	70	5	1618	755	524	0.44	0.31	0.44	4.50	4.31
Twin Falls	92	52	73	8	1716	854	521	0.00	-0.09	0.00	5.69	4.41
East												
Aberdeen	93	43	--	--	1466	699	433	0.00	-0.11	0.00	5.12	3.63
Grace	90	43	68	5	1306	595	346	0.00	-0.20	0.00	6.44	6.45
Idaho Falls	89	48	69	4	1378	624	455	0.01	-0.12	0.00	6.16	4.55
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	92	49	71	5	1536	740	521	0.00	-0.12	0.00	5.43	4.96
Rexburg	88	48	68	5	1378	647	408	0.07	-0.12	0.07	6.23	5.79
Salmon	91	52	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.